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TAGS: OREP (BRADEMAS, JOHN; SARBANES, PAUL)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL TO CYPRUS

1. CONGRESSMEN PAUL SARBANES (D-MARYLAND) AND JOHN BRADEMAS (D-INDIANA) ARE VISITING ATHENS THIS WEEK AND MAY WISH TRAVEL CYPRUS THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, RETURNING ATHENS FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

2. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR BOTH CONGRESSMEN TO DEPART ATHENS BY EMBASSY DEFFATT AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS (LOCAL TIME) JANUARY), ARRIVING CYPRUS (AKROTIRI) APPROXIMATELY 1830 HOURS (LOCAL TIME), SAME DAY. THESE TIMES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO REVISION SINCE DEFFATT AIRCRAFT NOW IN ISRAEL AND NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN ATHENS FROM THERE UNTIL MORNING, JANUARY 9. ANY REVISION IN THAT FLIGHT PLAN WOULD AFFECT CONGRESSMEN TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR CYPRUS.

3. PURPOSE THIS CABLE IS TO ALERT YOU THIS PROPOSED TRAVEL. ONCE PLANS ARE FIRM AND SPECIFIC DESIRES OF CONGRESSMEN RELEVANT TO MEETING, VISITS, BRIEFINGS IN CYPRUS ARE KNOWN, WE WILL ADVISE YOU AT ONCE. THEIR PRESENT DESIRE WOULD BE TO HAVE BRIEFINGS WITH EMBASSY AND APPOINTMENTS WITH GOC OFFICIALS EVENING OF JANUARY 9 TO ENABLE THEM TO DEPART MORNING OF THE 10TH.

4. DEFENSE ATTACHE IS INITIATING REQUEST FOR ALL APPROPRIATE FLIGHT CLEARANCES BY BRITISH.

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